

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens; and

Whereas, the members now pause to recognize the fourth grade class of Harry S Truman Elementary School in Rolla, Missouri, its teacher Mrs. Chris Schmidgall, and Principal John Edgar, who were instrumental in making Big Bluestem the Official Grass of the State of Missouri; and

Whereas, an effort that began in 2003, the project ultimately succeeded in 2007 due to the efforts of the fourth grade class of Harry S Truman Elementary School in Rolla, Missouri, its teacher Mrs. Chris Schmidgall, and principal, Mr. John Edgar; and

Whereas, the group enlisted of experts in various fields including biologist Larry Houf, resource scientist Tim Smith of the Missouri Department of Conservation, biologist Garry Houf, and foresters Gary Schmidgall and Jerry Decker, both formerly of the United States Forest Service; and

Whereas, these experts helped the children investigate the most appropriate species and taught the children about the its importance in this state; and

Whereas, Big Bluestem (*Andropogon gerardii*) will become the Official State Grass of Missouri on August 28, 2007:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our best wishes to the fourth grade class of Harry S Truman Elementary School in Rolla, Missouri, its teacher Mrs. Chris Schmidgall, and Principal John Edgar for their efforts; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution to the fourth grade class of Harry S Truman Elementary School in Rolla, Missouri, its teacher Mrs. Chris Schmidgall, and Principal John Edgar.

Offered by _____
Representative Bob May
District No. 149

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. ____, adopted ____, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker